

7 FAM 870

AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

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7 FAM 871 INTRODUCTION

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- a. An authentication is a certification of the genuineness of the signature and seal or the position of a foreign official who has previously executed, issued, or certified a document so that a document executed or issued in one jurisdiction may be recognized in another jurisdiction. U.S. embassies and consulates maintain exemplars of the seals and signatures of host government officials against which documents presented for authentication can be compared. Originally, these were card files of signatures and seals. Many posts now maintain these exemplars electronically.
- b. Notaries Public in the United States **do not** perform authentications.
- c. Authentications may be performed by any U.S. consular officer or designated diplomatic officer authorized by the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Overseas Citizens Services (OCS).
- d. **Consular agents, and other notarizing officers who are not consular officers or designated diplomatic officers cannot** perform authentication services.
- e. **Do Not Perform Routine Consular Authentications for Extradition Matters:** Routine consular authentication **should not be used in criminal evidence cases or extradition cases**. (See 7 FAM 1633 and 7 FAM 900.)
- f. **Hague Legalization Convention:** Posts in countries party to the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents (Hague Legalization Convention) should not perform authentication services, except for special Extradition Certification (see 7 FAM 1633) and special authentication certificates for use in criminal matters (see 7 FAM 900). Posts in these countries **should not terminate** notarial services. (See 7 FAM 876.)
- g. **Use of U.S. Documents in Foreign Countries.** 7 FAM 878 provides a

chart on authentication procedures for U.S. documents to be used in foreign countries.

- h. Consular officers perform authentication services for documents intended for use in the United States, except in countries party to the Hague Legalization Convention as noted above. Consular officers may perform authentication services for documents intended for use in third countries not party to the Hague Legalization Convention, but are not required to do so.

7 FAM 872 GENERAL PROCEDURES

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- a. All the grounds for refusing notarial services apply to authentications. Consular officers with a disqualifying interest in the transaction with respect to which the authenticated document is going to be used should not provide the service.
- b. **Comparison of the Seal on the Document Against Seal and Signature Card/Image on Record at Post:** You must compare the foreign official's seal and signature on the document you are asked to authenticate with a specimen of the same official's seal and signature on file in the Foreign Service office. If no specimen is available, you should require that each signature and seal be authenticated by some higher official or officials of the foreign government until a seal and signature appears on the document which you can compare with a specimen available to you. You should use the procedure of having a document authenticated by a series of foreign officials, however, only where unusual circumstances, or the laws or regulations of the foreign country require it.
- c. **Verification of the Authority of the Foreign Official:** Where the U.S. state or federal law requires the consular officer's certificate of authentication to show that the foreign official is empowered to perform a particular act, such as administering an oath or taking an acknowledgment, you must verify the fact that the foreign official is so empowered. See 7 FAM 875 regarding certification by custodian of the record.
- d. **Authentication Certificate:** When you have satisfactorily identified the foreign seal and signature (and, where required, have verified the authority of the foreign official to perform a particular act), you may then execute a certificate of authentication, either placing this certificate on the document itself if space is available, or appending it to the document on a separate sheet. In the absence of a specific authentication

certificate provided by the person requesting the service, you should use the general authentication certificate. **General consular authentication certificates must not be used in extradition matters.** A specific certification executed by the senior diplomatic or consular officer at post is required. (See 7 FAM 933, 7 FAM 934 and 7 FAM 1622.4.)

- e. **Fastening Pages:** When the instrument or document to which an authentication relates consists of more than one sheet, or when the authentication certificate will be attached and not written on the document itself, you should bring all the sheets comprising the document together under your official seal, using grommets.

7 FAM 873 LIMITATIONS

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- a. **Unknown Seals and Signatures:** You should not authenticate a seal or signature that is not known to you and that you cannot verify under 7 FAM 873 (a).
- b. **Refusal of Responsibility for Content:** Authentication conveys no judgment on the part of the authenticating officer of the validity or truth of the content of an authenticated document, but if circumstances warrant, you may include in the body of the certification a statement to the effect that "For the content of the foregoing (or, annexed document) I assume no responsibility."
- c. **Inimical to the Best Interests of the United States:** You may refuse to authenticate a document if there are reasonable grounds for believing that the document will be used for a purpose patently unlawful, improper, or inimical to the best interests of the United States. (See 7 FAM 830.)
- d. **Foreign Officials Outside Consular District:** You **may not** authenticate seals and signatures of foreign officials outside your assigned consular district.
- e. **U.S. Officials:** Consular officers **are not permitted** to authenticate seals and signatures of notaries public or other officials in the United States. However, diplomatic and consular officers at a U.S. diplomatic mission may certify the seal of the Department of State (but not the signature of the Secretary of State) if this is requested or required in particular cases by the national authorities of a foreign country.
- f. **Photostatic Copies:** Consular officers should not authenticate facsimiles of signatures and seals or photographic reproductions of documents. You may, however, authenticate original signatures and seals that appear on

photographic copies.

- g. **Matters Outside the Consular Officer's Knowledge:** In a certificate of authentication, a consular officer should not make statements that are not within the officer's power or knowledge. For example, you are not expected to be familiar with the provisions of foreign law, except in a general sense, and are cautioned not to certify that a document has been executed or certified in accordance with foreign law or to certify that a document is valid in a foreign country.
- h. **U.S. Officials in Foreign Countries:** The primary purpose of an authentication by a U.S. consular officer is to certify the official seal, signature and/or authority of a foreign officials who perform an official act with regard to a document that is to be used in the United States. You should not, therefore, authenticate the seals and signatures of U.S. officials who may be residing in your consular districts. You officers may take specific acknowledgments from such U.S. officials, similar to the corporate acknowledgment. (See 7 FAM 840.)
- i. **U.S. Consular Officers in Other Countries:** A consular officer stationed in one country must not authenticate the signature or seal of an officer stationed in another country. When it is necessary to authenticate the seal and signature of a consular officer, the Authentications Office of the Department of State does the authentication. An official of a foreign government who requests the authentication of the seal and signature of a consular officer stationed in another country should be informed that the document will have to be sent to the Department of State for this purpose.
- j. **Nonrecognition of Host Country:** If requested to authenticate documents when an interruption of diplomatic relations with the host country has occurred, contact CA/OCS/PRI (ASKPRI@state.gov) which will coordinate with the Office of the Legal Adviser in formulating a response.

7 FAM 874 ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

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- a. **Foreign Academic Credentials for Use in the United States:**
 - (1) U.S. consular officers generally **should not** authenticate or provide certified true copies of foreign academic credentials, transcripts, or degrees for use in the United States.
 - (2) The U.S. Departments of State and Education determined in 1983 that there is no statutory requirement for U.S. consuls to

authenticate translations of foreign academic credentials. The U.S. Department of Education and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers agree that authentication in no way alleviates the problem of fraud as the information contained in the document is not confirmed, only the seal and signature are authenticated.

- b. **U.S. Credentials for Use Abroad:** Some foreign countries continue to require authentication of academic credentials. See Authentication of American Academic Credentials for Use Abroad on the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet page for guidance about how to obtain such records.
- c. **U.S. Military Schools:** Copies of school records can be obtained from the National Military Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

7 FAM 875 FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY REQUESTS

7 FAM 875.1 General

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- a. You may receive requests to authenticate copies of documents for a federal, state, District of Columbia or territorial agency, other than the Department of State. No fee is charged for such services unless significant costs are incurred. See the Schedule of Fees for Consular Services in 22 CFR 22.1.
- b. **Certificates:** You should ask the agency to provide language to be used in the authentication certificate. If the document is a foreign record, the requesting U.S. government agency should also provide the text of the authentication certificate to be used by the foreign custodian of records.
- c. **Criminal Matters:** The general consular authentication certificate and Hague Legalization Convention apostille **are not acceptable** for authentication of documents in criminal matters. (See 7 FAM 1633; and 7 FAM 1622.4.)

7 FAM 875.2 Foreign Custodian of Record's Certificates

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- a. The Federal Rules of Evidence and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure require that certificates executed by a foreign custodian of records contain the following elements:
 - (1) The custodian's full name and title;
 - (2) A statement that the laws of (name of country) empower the custodian to execute such a certificate;
 - (3) The authority that empowers the custodian; and
 - (4) A statement that the custodian issued the certificate in his official capacity.
- b. You should request the foreign custodian of the records to prepare a certificate containing those elements using language along the lines provided in 7 FAM 900.
- c. You should explain to the custodian that the U.S. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence or Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, require this certificate.

7 FAM 875.3 Absence of Records

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- a. If no official record(s) can be found, you should request that the foreign custodian prepare a certificate that states the foreign custodian conducted a diligent search, but found no official records.
- b. You should explain to the foreign custodian that Rule 803(10) of the Federal Rules of Evidence, 28 U.S.C., and Rule 44(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedures, 28 U.S.C. require this certificate.
- c. The certificate should contain the language in 7 FAM 900.

7 FAM 876 HAGUE LEGALIZATION CONVENTION

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- a. The United States of America and more than 80 other countries are parties to the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents (Hague Legalization Convention). This treaty eliminated the requirement of most diplomatic and consular legalization for public documents originating in one country

that a requester intends to use in another. The treaty does **not** eliminate or replace the consular notarial function. It does provide an alternative in which persons may execute a notarial instrument before a local notary in the host country and then have the document by a host country official designated to issue apostilles under the Hague Legalization Convention.

- b. **Objection to the Accession or Ratification of a Country to the Convention:** When a country becomes a party to the Hague Legalization Convention, other States where the Convention is in force have the right to object. This means that the Hague Legalization Convention may not be in force between all countries party to it. You must check two places to determine whether the Hague Legalization Convention should be used for documents prepared in one country for use in another country. See the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCOPIL) Apostille Convention Internet page. There you will have to check the two parts of the Status Table, for both States that are members of the HCOPIL and non-member States, and search under the specific country, including reservation and declarations. Copies of circular diplomatic notes to the Chiefs of Mission in Washington, DC, concerning the Hague Legalization Convention are available on the CA/OCS Intranet page.
- c. **Post Responsibilities:** If the host country is a party to the Hague Legalization Convention, you should ascertain the name, address, telephone number, fax number, email address, web page and language capabilities of the host country authorities designated to affix apostilles. Information available from the Hague Conference web page is usually limited to the name of the Ministry. See HCOPIL Internet page Authorities Competent to Issue Apostille Certificates. Report this information to CA/OCS/PRI at ASKPRI@state.gov. See the Secretary's circular diplomatic note to the Chiefs of Mission in Washington, DC, regarding the Convention available on the CA/OCS Intranet page for language used to convey mutual interest in the operation of the Convention. **Do not** place a consular authentication certificate over a Hague Apostille.
- d. **Declarations Limiting Use and Applicability of the Hague Legalization Convention:** When a country becomes a party to the Hague Legalization Convention, it can make a declaration limiting the applicability of the Convention. Countries may also make declarations clarifying whether the Convention shall apply for all territories, possessions or political subdivisions of that State.
- e. **Practical Operation of the Hague Legalization Convention:** From time to time, authorities in a country party to the Convention may question a practice in another country regarding how apostilles are affixed to documents and other technical issues. See Conclusions and Recommendations of the 2003 Special Commission. The Special

Commission concluded that countries should not reject an apostille for these variations, and that questions concerning the validity of an apostille should be resolved by direct communication between the authority receiving it and the issuing authority.

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Apostille Status Table

Consular Affairs Notarial and Authentication Internet Page

What is an Apostille CA Internet Page

Hague Conference Apostille Page

Hague Conference Hague Legalization Convention Page

Conclusions and Recommendations of the 2003 Special Commission on the Practical Operation of the Convention (for translations, ASKPRI@state.gov)

7 FAM 877 FOREIGN EXTRADITION PAPERS

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18 U.S.C. 3190 requires certification by the principal diplomatic or consular officer of the United States resident in the foreign country. For procedures, (see 7 FAM 1633 Certification of Foreign Extradition Documents). **Do not use routine consular authentication procedures or the Hague Legalization Convention in extradition cases. See the U.S. Declaration About Extradition and Apostille Convention.**

7 FAM 878 CHART AUTHENTICATION OF U.S. DOCUMENTS FOR USE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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Document to be Authenticated	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Documents Executed Before Notary Public in the	State Notary Public Administrator	U.S. Department of State Authentications Office	Foreign Embassies in the United States	Foreign Consulates in the United

United States	Web Pages * Hague Legalization Convention Countries Stop Here	(A/OPR/GSM/AUTH)		States
U.S. State Vital Records (Birth, Death, Marriage, Divorce)	CDC, NCHS Where To Write for Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce Records	State Notary Public Administrator Web Pages ** Can only Authenticate Vital Records Issued by State Custodian of Records; Not County Documents. * Hague Legalization Convention Countries Stop Here.	U.S. Department of State Authentications Office (A/OPR/GSM/AUTH)	Foreign Embassies in the United States Foreign Consulates in the United States
State Court Documents	Clerk of State Court	State Notary Public Administrator Web Pages * Hague Legalization Convention Countries Stop Here	U.S. Department of State Authentications Office (A/OPR/GSM/AUTH)	Foreign Embassies in the United States
U.S. Academic Records See Academic Credentials Flyer	School, College or University, etc. ... Notarization by school official custodian of records	State Notary Public Administrator Web Pages * Hague Legalization Convention Countries Stop Here	U.S. Department of State Authentications Office (A/OPR/GSM/AUTH)	Foreign Embassies in the United States
U.S. Department of	U.S. Department	Foreign Embassies in the United States		

State Report of Birth or Death of U.S. Citizen Abroad	of State (CA/PPT Birth, Death) * Hague Legalization Convention Countries Stop Here			
Copies of U.S. Passport Records	U.S. Department of State (CA/PPT Vital Records Section) * Hague Legalization Convention Countries Stop Here	Foreign Embassies in the United States		
Federal Agency Documents	Federal Agency Custodian of Records See First Gov	U.S. Department of State Authentications Office (A/OPR/GSM/AUTH) * Hague Legalization Convention Country Stop Here	Foreign Embassies in the United States	
U.S. Federal Court Documents	Clerk of U.S. Federal Court * Hague Legalization Convention Countries Stop Here	U.S. Department of State Authentications Office (A/OPR/GSM/AUTH)	Foreign Embassies in the United States	

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UNITED STATES, STATE, AND TERRITORIAL AUTHENTICATION OFFICES LINKS

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U.S. Department of State Authentications Office	A/OPR/GSM/AUTH
State Secretary of State Contact Information	National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Secretary of State Roster
State Notary Public Administrator Contact Information	National Association of Secretaries of State, Notary Public Section, State Notary Contacts List
State and Territorial Apostille and Authentication Web Pages	
Alabama	Alabama Apostille, Secretary of State Authentication
Alaska	Alaska Apostille, Lieutenant Governor Authentications
American Samoa	TBD
Arizona	<i>Arizona Apostille</i> Arizona Secretary of State Authentication
Arkansas	Arkansas Apostille, Secretary of State Authentication of Documents
California	<i>California Apostille</i> California Secretary of State Authentication Information Apostille or Certification
Colorado	<i>Colorado Apostille</i> Colorado Secretary of State Authentications
Connecticut	<i>Connecticut Apostille</i> Connecticut Secretary of State Authentication of Documents and Apostilles
Delaware	<i>Delaware Apostille</i> Delaware Secretary of State, Expedited Service
District of Columbia	<i>District of Columbia Apostille</i> , District of Columbia Office of the Secretary, Authentications
Florida	Florida Apostille, Secretary of State Authentication
Georgia	<i>Georgia Apostille</i> Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Cooperative Authority Apostilles and Certification of Documents
Guam	TBD
Hawaii	Hawaii Apostille, Office of the Lieutenant

	Governor, Apostilles and Certifications
Idaho	Idaho Apostille, Secretary of State Notaries and Apostilles
Illinois	Illinois Apostille, Secretary of State, Notary Public Division, Apostilles and Authentications
Indiana	<i>Indiana Apostille</i> Indiana Secretary of State Apostilles and Authentications
Iowa	Requests for Apostilles should be addressed to Secretary of State, 1st Floor Lucas Building, 321 E. 12th St., Des Moines, IA 50319
Kansas	Kansas Apostille, Department of Health and Environment, Apostilles and Authentications
Kentucky	<i>Kentucky Apostille</i> Secretary of State Apostilles and Authentication
Louisiana	<i>Louisiana Apostille</i> Louisiana Secretary of State Apostilles and Authentication Certificates
Maine	<i>Maine Apostille</i> Maine Secretary of State Authentications and Apostilles
Maryland	<i>Maryland Apostille</i> Maryland Secretary of State Certification of Documents
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Apostille, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Public Records Division, Certifications and Apostilles
Michigan	Michigan Apostille, Secretary of State Document Certification
Minnesota	Minnesota Apostille, Secretary of State Authentications
Mississippi	TBD
Missouri	Missouri Apostille, Secretary of State Document Certification
Montana	Montana Apostille, Secretary of State, Certifications, Authentications and Apostilles
Nebraska	Nebraska Apostille, Secretary of State Authentication and Apostille Information
Nevada	Nevada Apostille, Secretary of State Authentication of Signature
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Apostille, Secretary of State Apostilles and Certifications
New Jersey	New Jersey Apostille, Division of Revenue Apostilles
New Mexico	New Mexico Secretary of State Authentications (TBD)
New York	New York Apostille, Secretary of State What is an Apostille or Authentication
North Carolina	North Carolina Apostille, Secretary of State

	Authentications
North Dakota	North Dakota Apostille, Secretary of State Certifications
Northern Mariana Islands	TBD
Ohio	Ohio Apostille, Secretary of State Authentication
Oklahoma	TBD
Oregon	Oregon Apostille, Secretary of State Authentication of Notarizations
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Apostille, Department of State Certifications and Apostilles
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Department of State Certifications (In Spanish) (TBD)
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Apostille, Secretary of State, Apostilles and Authentications
South Carolina	South Carolina Apostille, Secretary of State Authentication of Documents
South Dakota	South Dakota Apostille, Secretary of State Apostilles and Authentications
Tennessee	Tennessee Apostille, Department of State Apostille and Authentication Services
Texas	Texas Apostille, Secretary of State Apostilles and Authentication
Utah	Utah Apostille, Lieutenant Governor’s Authentications Office
Vermont	<i>Vermont Apostille</i> Vermont Secretary of State Apostilles and Authentications
Virgin Islands, U.S.	TBD
Virginia	Virginia Apostille, Secretary of State Authentications
Washington	Washington Apostille, Secretary of State Apostilles, Authentications Certifications
West Virginia	West Virginia Apostille, Secretary of State Authentication of Documents for International Use
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Apostille, Secretary of State Authentications and Apostilles
Wyoming	Wyoming Apostille, Secretary of State Authentication Services

7 FAM EXHIBIT 876B HAGUE APOSTILLE CONVENTION COUNTRY AUTHORITY LINKS

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Hague Apostille Country - Apostille Competent Authority Web Pages
Australia Apostille
Austria Apostille
Belgium Apostille
Denmark Apostille
France Apostille
Hong Kong SAR Apostille
Latvia Apostille
Malta Apostille
Mauritius Apostille
Netherlands Apostille
New Zealand Apostille
Slovak Republic Apostille
South Africa Apostille
Sweden Apostille
United Kingdom Apostille

NOTE: If you learn that the designated competent authority in the host country has a web page concerning the operation of the treaty, please alert us at ASKPRI@state.gov

7 FAM EXHIBIT 876C

COUNTRIES PARTY TO THE HAGUE LEGALIZATION CONVENTION

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The best source of information about which countries are parties to the Hague Legalization is the Hague Conference on Private International Law's Apostille Status Table. The chart below summarizes this information.

Country Count	Country/Dependency	Date Treaty Entered Into Force (EIF)	Notes
1	<i>Albania</i>	<i>May 9, 2004</i>	
2	<i>Andorra</i>	<i>December 31, 1996</i>	
3	<i>Antigua and Barbuda</i>	<i>November 1, 1981</i>	
4	<i>Argentina</i>	<i>February 18, 1988</i>	<i>Argentina declared that it does not recognize the extension of the Convention to the Falkland Islands by the United Kingdom of August 27, 1987.</i>
5	<i>Armenia</i>	<i>August 14, 1994</i>	
6	<i>Aruba</i>	<i>April 30, 1967</i>	<i>Extension by the Netherlands March 1, 1967</i>
7	<i>Australia</i>	<i>March 16, 1995</i>	
8	<i>Austria</i>	<i>January 13, 1968</i>	
9	<i>Azerbaijan</i>	<i>March 2, 2005</i>	<i>Not in force for The Netherlands, Germany and Hungary which</i>

			<i>objected to the accession by Azerbaijan.</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>Bahamas</i>	<i>July 10, 1973</i>	
<i>11</i>	<i>Barbados</i>	<i>November 30, 1966</i>	
<i>12</i>	<i>Belarus</i>	<i>May 31, 1992</i>	
<i>13</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>February 9, 1976</i>	
<i>14</i>	<i>Belize</i>	<i>April 11, 1993</i>	
<i>15</i>	<i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>	<i>January 24, 1965</i>	
<i>16</i>	<i>Botswana</i>	<i>September 30, 1966</i>	
<i>17</i>	<i>Brunei</i>	<i>December 3, 1987</i>	
<i>18</i>	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>April 29, 2001</i>	
<i>19</i>	<i>China, Hong Kong SAR</i>	<i>April 25, 1965</i>	<i>China declared Convention continued to apply for Hong Kong when was restored to China July 1, 1997. The United Kingdom extended its accession to the Convention to Hong Kong in 1965.</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>China, Macao SAR</i>	<i>February 4, 1969</i>	<i>China declared Convention continued to apply for Macao when was restored to China December 20, 1999. Portugal extended its accession to the Convention to Macao in 1969.</i>

21	<i>Colombia</i>	<i>January 30, 2001</i>	
22	<i>Cook Islands</i>	<i>April 30, 2005</i>	
23	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>January 24, 1965</i>	
24	<i>Czech Republic</i>	<i>March 16, 1999</i>	
25	<i>Dominica</i>	<i>November 3, 1978</i>	
26	<i>Ecuador</i>	<i>April 2, 2005</i>	
27	<i>El Salvador</i>	<i>May 31, 1996</i>	
28	<i>Estonia</i>	<i>September 30, 2001</i>	
29	<i>Fiji</i>	<i>October 10, 1970</i>	
30	<i>Finland</i>	<i>August 26, 1985</i>	
31	<i>France</i>	<i>January 24, 1965</i>	<i>Extended to French Overseas Departments; See Note re Vanuatu, the former Anglo-French Condominium of New Hebrides.</i>
32	<i>Germany</i>	<i>February 13, 1966</i>	
33	<i>Greece</i>	<i>May 18, 1985</i>	
34	<i>Grenada</i>	<i>February 7, 1974</i>	
35	<i>Guyana</i>	<i>Unclear. No declaration by Guyana to the Netherlands, the treaty depositary, regarding continued application after independence.</i>	<i>Extension by the UK February 24, 1965 to former British territory of British Guyana. Entered into force April 25, 1965. British Guyana became Republic of Guyana</i>

			<i>May 26, 1966.</i>
<i>36</i>	<i>Honduras</i>	<i>July 14, 2005</i>	
<i>37</i>	<i>Hungary</i>	<i>January 18, 1973</i>	
<i>38</i>	<i>Iceland</i>	<i>November 27, 2004</i>	
<i>39</i>	<i>India</i>	<i>July 14, 2005</i>	<i>Not in force for Belgium, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain which objected to the accession by India.</i>
<i>40</i>	<i>Ireland</i>	<i>March 9, 1999</i>	
<i>41</i>	<i>Israel</i>	<i>August 14, 1978</i>	
<i>42</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>February 11, 1978</i>	
<i>43</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>July 27, 1970</i>	
<i>44</i>	<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>January 30, 2001</i>	
<i>45</i>	<i>Kiritati</i>	<i>Unclear. No declaration by Kiribati to the Netherlands, the treaty depositary, regarding continued application after independence.</i>	<i>Extension by the UK February 24, 1965 to former British territory of Gilbert Islands. Entered into force April 25, 1965. Gilbert Islands became Kiribati July 12, 1979.</i>
<i>46</i>	<i>Latvia</i>	<i>January 30, 1996</i>	
<i>47</i>	<i>Lesotho</i>	<i>October 4, 1966</i>	
<i>48</i>	<i>Liberia</i>	<i>October 4, 1966</i>	<i>Not in force for Belgium, Germany and the United States of America which objected to</i>

			<i>the accession by Liberia.</i>
49	<i>Liechtenstein</i>	<i>September 17, 1972</i>	
50	<i>Lithuania</i>	<i>July 19, 1997</i>	
51	<i>Luxembourg</i>	<i>June 3, 1979</i>	
52	<i>Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of</i>	<i>January 24, 1965</i>	
53	<i>Malawi</i>	<i>December 2, 1967</i>	
54	<i>Malta</i>	<i>March 3, 1968</i>	
55	<i>Marshall Islands</i>	<i>August 14, 1992</i>	
56	<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>March 12, 1968</i>	
57	<i>Mexico</i>	<i>July 14, 1995</i>	
58	<i>Monaco</i>	<i>December 31, 2002</i>	
59	<i>Namibia</i>	<i>January 30, 2001</i>	
60	<i>Netherlands</i>	<i>October 8, 1965</i>	<i>Extended to Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles</i>
61	<i>Netherlands Antilles</i>	<i>April 30, 1967</i>	<i>Extension by the Netherlands March 1, 1967</i>
62	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>November 22, 2001</i>	
63	<i>Niue</i>	<i>March 2, 1999</i>	
64	<i>Norway</i>	<i>July 29, 1983</i>	
65	<i>Panama</i>	<i>August 4, 1991</i>	
66	<i>Portugal</i>	<i>February 4, 1969</i>	

67	<i>Romania</i>	<i>March 16, 2001</i>	
68	<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>May 31, 1992</i>	
69	<i>Saints Kitts and Nevis</i>	<i>December 14, 1994</i>	
70	<i>Saint Lucia</i>	<i>July 31, 2002</i>	
71	<i>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</i>	<i>October 27, 1979</i>	
72	<i>Samoa</i>	<i>September 13, 1999</i>	
73	<i>San Marino</i>	<i>February 13, 1995</i>	
74	<i>Serbia and Montenegro</i>	<i>January 24, 1965</i>	
75	<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>March 31, 1979</i>	
76	<i>Slovak Republic</i>	<i>January 24, 1965</i>	
77	<i>Slovenia</i>	<i>February 18, 2002</i>	
78	<i>Solomon Islands</i>	<i>Unclear. No declaration by Solomon Islands to the Netherlands, the treaty depositary, regarding continued application after independence.</i>	<i>Extension by the UK February 24, 1965 to former British territory of British Solomon Islands Protectorate. Entered into force April 25, 1965. British Solomon Islands Protectorate became the Solomon Islands July 7, 1978.</i>
79	<i>South Africa</i>	<i>January 24, 1965</i>	
80	<i>Spain</i>	<i>September 25, 1978</i>	<i>Spain declared it does not recognize the extension of the Convention to</i>

			<i>Gibraltar by the United Kingdom.</i>
81	<i>Suriname</i>	<i>November 25, 1975</i>	
82	<i>Swaziland</i>	<i>March 31, 1979</i>	
83	<i>Sweden</i>	<i>May 1, 1999</i>	
84	<i>Switzerland</i>	<i>March 11, 1973</i>	
85	<i>Tonga</i>	<i>June 4, 1970</i>	
86	<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	<i>July 14, 2000</i>	
87	<i>Turkey</i>	<i>September 29, 1985</i>	
88	<i>Tuvalu</i>	<i>Unclear. No declaration by Tuvalu to the Netherlands, the treaty depositary, regarding continued application after independence.</i>	<i>Extension by the UK February 24, 1965 to former British territory of Ellice Islands. Entered into force April 25, 1965. Ellice Islands became Tuvalu October 1, 1978.</i>
89	<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>December 22, 2003</i>	<i>Not in force for Germany which objected to the accession by the Ukraine. Belgium initially objected to the accession but withdrew its objection. The convention entered into force between Belgium and the Ukraine July 5, 2004.</i>
90	<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>January 24, 1965</i>	<i>The United Kingdom extended its accession to the</i>

			<i>following territories in 1965: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Montserrat, Saint Helena, Turks and Caicos Islands and the U.K. Virgin Islands</i>
<i>91</i>	<i>United States of America</i>	<i>October 15, 1981</i>	
<i>92</i>	<i>Vanuatu</i>	<i>Unclear. No declaration by Vanuatu to the Netherlands, the treaty depositary, regarding continued application after independence.</i>	<i>Extension by the UK and France February 24, 1965 to former Anglo-French Condominium of New Hebrides. Entered into force April 25, 1965.</i>
<i>93</i>	<i>Venezuela</i>	<i>March 16, 1999</i>	
<i>94</i>	<i>Zimbabwe</i>	<i>Unclear. No declaration by Zimbabwe to the Netherlands, the treaty depositary, regarding continued application after independence.</i>	<i>Extension by the UK February 24, 1965 to former British territory of Southern Rhodesia. Entered into force April 25, 1965. Southern Rhodesia became the Republic of Zimbabwe April 18, 1980.</i>